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**IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Examiner: Paul C. Martin  
Title: Filtration Method for Detecting Microbial Contamination  
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**COMMENTS ON THE EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, provided with the Notice of Allowance mailed on January 3, 2011, Applicants submit the following comments.

The Examiner offers reasons why the claims of the present application are allowable over the cited art of record. Although Applicants agree that the various claimed limitations mentioned in the claims are not taught, or suggested, by the cited art taken either singly or in combination, Applicants wish to emphasize that it is the language of each claim, including the interrelationships and interconnections between various claimed elements, which is allowable over the cited art of record, and not the

Examiner's paraphrasing of claim features which are not present in any of the allowed claims.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.


Respectfully submitted,

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